



WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

"Strive, Believe, Achieve"

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Our school Values

Honesty ~ Excellence ~ Respect ~ Resilience ~ Perseverance

Our Moral Purpose - Students will be able to choose a life that has meaning.

Warracknabeal Secondary College is committed to child safety (Ministerial Order No. 870) and takes all reasonable steps to ensure that the safety of our students is paramount.

*Term 3 Week 1
20th July
2017*

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Welcome back to Term 3, the last full term for our Year 12 students. Staff and students have returned refreshed and have hit the ground running so far this week, despite some cold and wet conditions. It has also been an emotional start for the community as a whole as Linc was farewelled on Tuesday. Our thoughts and prayers are with his family and friends.

Last term we modified our reporting system to provide more accurate and targeted information to parents. We have received some very useful feedback as we look to continue to retain the best aspects of the old system and compliment it with the new. More revisions will be made for the end of the year so please take the time to help shape those reports via our online survey at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/6QNSQ7B>.

The Student Attitudes to School Survey results were released yesterday. They have not yet provided comparisons to the state or similar schools, and given the survey questions have changed from last year, it is difficult at this point to interpret the results. I plan to take the information back to the students in the coming weeks to ensure that we respond to the feedback and plan improvements for 2018 to address any areas of concern. In the coming weeks, parents will be invited to complete the Parent Opinion survey online, which is another critical survey to assist the school in evaluating our performance and planning future improvements.

Michael Briggs-Miller

Principal

Absence Hotline - 5398 1433 Or email

Charmaine – Mon, Tues and Fri - wilson.charmaine.m@edumail.vic.gov.au

Chelsea – Wed and Thurs - smith.chelsea.r@edumail.vic.gov.au

Please notify the school by 12 noon on the day of the absence.

ACTING ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL – Heath Schulz

A warm welcome back to Semester two to all staff and students. I trust everyone had time to recharge and are ready to finish off the year strong. I look forward to continuing to support senior students and their families in their pathway through the senior school and out into the real world.

Guest speakers

This week we have already had three guest speakers in the senior school. On Tuesday, Tyler Arnold (graduated WSC in 2016) spoke to the Year 12's on what to expect in Semester 2. He spoke about being prepared and staying on top of homework and revision, seeking assistance from teachers early and using holiday's and the time before exams effectively(not playing video games). Di Bramba from Ormond College also spoke to the Year 12's about the accommodation opportunities for those who intend to study at Melbourne University. She gave an overview of the accommodation, described social opportunities and advice on applying for scholarships.

On Wednesday, Cassandra Schilling (graduated WSC in 2014) spoke to the Year 10/11's in Study Hall about uni life at Flinders University in Adelaide. Cassandra spoke about her journey and how different University Education is from Secondary Education. I thank all speakers for their time in providing insights that will support our students.

Heath Schulz

Acting Assistant Principal

ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL – WHITNEY MUNROE

Welcome back to third term of school! This term, we are continuing our focus on building a positive learning culture across the middle school. As a school community, we are working hard to develop the social and emotional skills that students need to be successful, productive members of society.

We started the week off with an assembly where we talked about the importance of respect, one of our core values. In particular, we talked about kindness and the importance of how we treat each other. We showed a video by Kid President, which has many positive messages for students. You can watch the video here:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=l-gQLqv9f4o>



During the assembly, students also brainstormed ideas about acts of kindness that they could do for others. Students came up with ideas such as:

- High fives
- Hugs
- Holding the door open
- Helping someone in class
- Knuckles
- Smiling!

When your student comes home from school today, ask them, “What kind act did you do for someone else today?” By asking this question, you are helping your students see the importance of kindness and to build empathy and understanding for others. As a school, we will continue to focus on developing these personal skills with our students and preparing them for a life beyond the classroom walls.

Whitney Munroe

Assistant Principal of Middle School

Young Achiever Awards

IMPORTANT NOTICE



Families have previously been posted invites to attend the General Assembly when students are to receive Bronze, Silver and Gold Awards. Please note that as from the start of Term 3, the way in which families will be invited **will change from mail to email only**.

To ensure that you continue to receive invitations to attend these occasions, please confirm that the administration office has your email address. Please also contact the office if no email address is available so that an alternate form of notification can be arranged.

Thank you to all families who attend our assemblies and help celebrate our student achievements. A reminder that all families are invited to attend any of our General Assemblies which are held every third Monday in the College Hall at 8:55am.

Thank you for your support with saving a lot of paper, envelopes and stamps!

Donna Winsall

Young Achiever Awards

BIN IT TO WIN IT is back!

You asked for it and here it is! One way of living up to our 4-star sustainability status is to keep a litter-free yard. Earn house points for putting rubbish in the bin. Simple!

Teachers will have a clipboard with them on yard duty and all you need to do is tell them which house you're in when you use a bin. Double points are available for when you use a recycling bin correctly!

You may:

- Move bins in the yard to where you need them. Wheel them over to your area.
- Recycle paper, metal, cardboard, plastics numbered 1-7 and juice cartons. We can't recycle food wrappers, food scraps, garden waste and coffee cups (the lids are recyclable though).
- Earn points for each item you place in the bin. No tearing up single items – that's cheating!
- Encourage others to "do the right thing" and bin it to win it!

What do you win?

A pizza lunch for the winning house in the last week of term. Happy binning!

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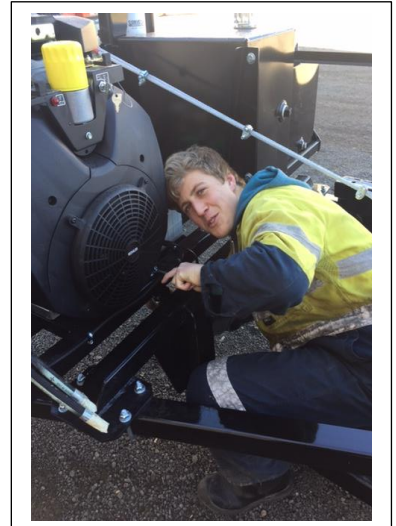
We are up to 848 LIKES on the Warracknabeal Secondary College Facebook page. If you haven't already "liked" our page, make sure you do so you can get updates on what's happening around the school.

Careers Report

Work Experience

In the last two weeks of Term 2 Year 10/11 students had the opportunity to participate in a week of work experience. Many students took up the offer and enjoyed a "week of work". Thanks to Wimmera Regional Library Corporation, Fagan Auto, Preston Building & Carpentry, Maurie Parsons Builder, Bellevue Trading, GTS Tank Services, Tim Moloney Farms, Allan Bell Farms, My Vet Strathfieldsaye, Robert Smith & Co., Powell Farms, Hewitt Bros. Farms, Warracknabeal Primary School & Victoria Police Mildura for hosting our students. Students will have another opportunity in December for Work Experience.

Brandon on Work Experience at Bellevue Trading Warracknabeal



Wimmera and Southern Mallee

Try VET Day 2017

Thursday 3 August

A free lunch will be provided by the LLEN

See your VET Coordinator for a registration form or for more information

Try any 2 VET subjects to help decide which one to enrol in for 2018.

Students must complete a registration form to be able to attend.



VET Health is back in 2018!

Certificate II in Health Services Support is a qualification that will provide you with the work skills and knowledge at an entry level standard to enhance your career prospects into the health industry and to provide assistance to health professionals.

The program includes basic training in health topics and includes first aid and nursing related care units.

If you're interested, see your VET Coordinator and put your name on the list for Try VET Day on 3rd August.

Nicole Stewart

Careers/VET Co-ordinator

Structured Workplace Learning



Do you have questions or feedback about
Warracknabeal Secondary College?

Parent Engagement Forum

Save the date: Monday 31st July 6.30 pm

(Term 3, Week 3)

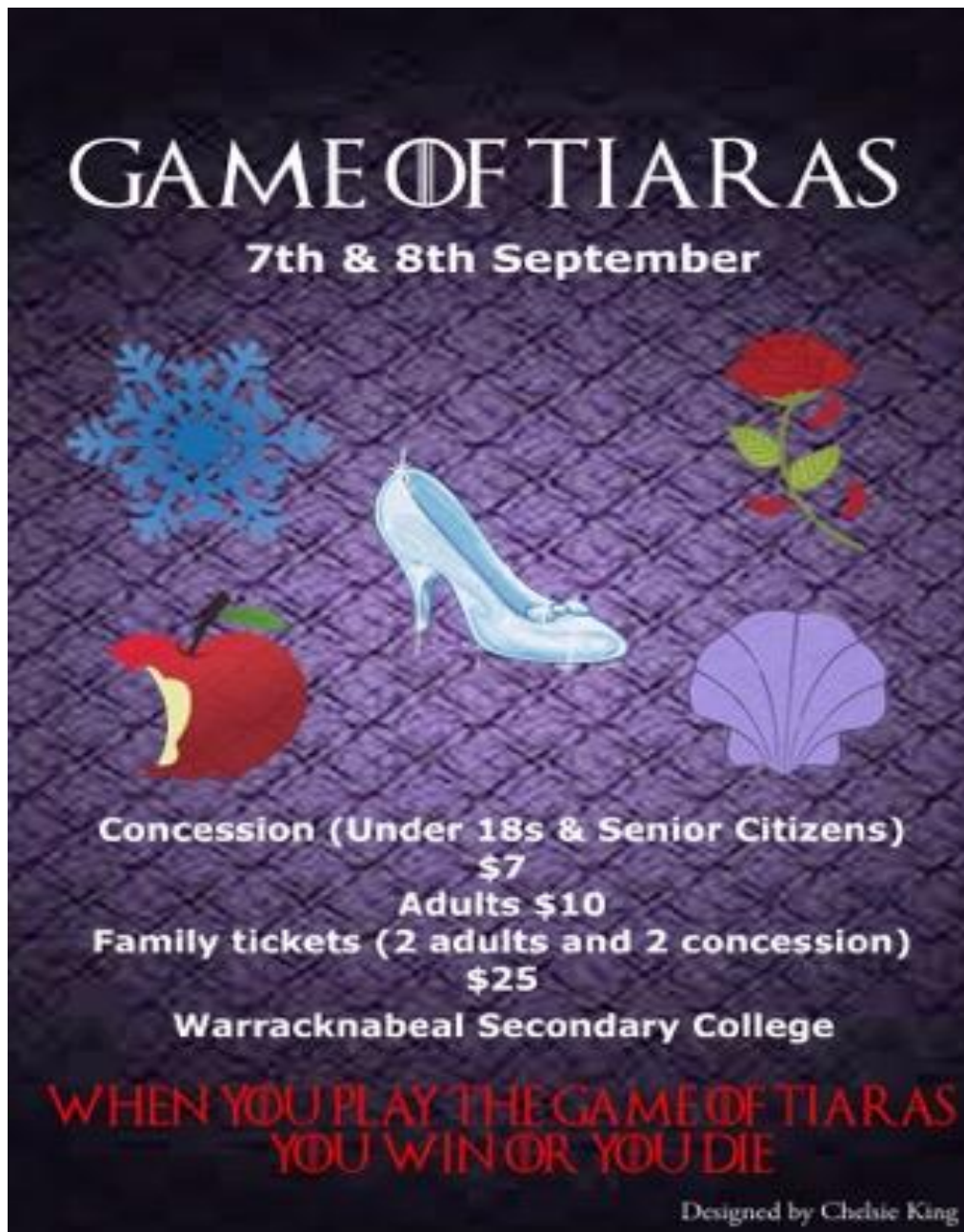
The Parent Engagement Committee of the School Council invite you to ask questions and provide feedback.

Principal Michael Briggs-Miller will be specifically discussing:

- **Reports**
- **How student needs are being addressed**

Anonymous feedback forms will also be provided





Calendar of Events



July

25 th	Shine & Strength Yr 9 Community Centre
27 th	Tree planting day Yr7A
27 th	Maths Competition
28 th	SRC excursion – Horsham

August

25 th	Yr 12 English Revision day - Horsham
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Community Events

Neighbourhood House Warracknabeal

RSA – SITHFAB201

Date: Friday Sept 1st 2017

Time: 5.30pm-9.30pm

Cost: \$110

Minimum enrolments required for the course to run. Enrolments by Friday Aug 25th 2017 please

Food Safety Handler SITXSA101 running on the same day but this is during the day.

Date: Friday Sept 1st 2017

Time: 10am-1pm

Cost: \$110

This course has a workbook that needs to be completed before the course and can be picked up from Friday Aug 25th when we know it is going ahead as there are minimum enrolments for this course too.

Warracknabeal Neighbourhood House & Learning Centre Inc.

2 Cox Street, Warracknabeal, Vic. 3393

03 5396 1360



Resin Art

workshop

Warracknabeal Learn how to use Resin to create your own beautiful 60x60cm artwork while supporting locals!

presented in fundraising for
Warracknabeal Community Boxing Gym

WHEN	2 Classes	class 1	10:00_{am}
	Sunday 23rd July		class 2

\$ 180 per person	WHERE Warracknabeal Secondary School Art Rooms
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DETAILS	\$30 per participant will be donated to the Community Boxing Gym
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BOOK	Please email bluebirdwords.resin@gmail.com , msg Facebook page or ph. 04 03 670 775 to book your place in a class. Payment is required on booking
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